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LETTER DATED 3 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter dated 1 April 1991 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

1. Fifty Iranian elements who were among those who participated in subversive operations during the month of March have been taken prisoner in Iraqi territory. They are currently being held by the Iraqi authorities.
2. For the most part, these subversive actions were carried out by members of the "Badr" ninth company, including Iraqi prisoners of war held by Iran and Iranian elements who had fled Iraq and been welcomed and trained by the Government of Iran and sent into Iraqi territory. Moreover, identity papers were found on the body of one of the volunteers indicating that he was a member of the "Badr" ninth company - an Iraqi combatant.

The Iranian prisoners have confirmed that they took part in the subversive actions at the instigation of the Iranian authorities, which had:

- (a) Made available to them transport vehicles belonging to the Revolutionary Guard to drive them into Iraqi territory (in the Tannuma, Basra and Amara regions), where they infiltrated a number of Koranic schools and charitable institutions, and to supply them with rations;
- (b) Cared for the wounded and evacuated the dead from Shalamjah and Tannuma (Basra) to hospitals located at Abadan;
- (c) Assigned groups of the Revolutionary Guard to evacuate to Iran vehicles, weapons and matériel abandoned in Iraq;
- (d) Established at Khoramshahr a committee for aid to the Iraqi people, forming part of the Iranian Red Crescent and supervised by the Iranian armed forces, whose task is to provide food aid;

(e) Provided these troops with information obtained by forward reconnaissance groups which had infiltrated into Iraqi territory.

4. On 1 April 1991, five Iranian elements belonging to the 32nd, "Partisans of Hussein", company were taken prisoner in the Khalifa Murad region in Iraqi territory, between 8 and 10 kilometres from Khanaqin/Klar.

5. Identity papers were found on the body of an Iranian national named Hassan Bakhtiari, found in the region of Jabal Marorid, in Iraqi territory, between 10 and 12 kilometres from Khanaqin, which establish his membership in the Bakhtaran Guard.

This information, backed by documents and irrefutable pieces of evidence which are in the hands of the Iraqi authorities, show that the Iranian Government has "flagrantly" violated the provisions of the cease-fire and withdrawal agreed upon by the two parties under the auspices of the United Nations. In this connection, my Government will make public in due course, with supporting evidence, further information which proves beyond dispute that the Government of Iran was involved in the preparations for these subversive activities, and that it is inciting them and participating in them directly, in violation of the engagements it has entered into to respect the Iraqi peace initiatives aimed at settling the disputes between the two countries in accordance with Security Council resolution 598 (1987), under the auspices of the United Nations.

My country's Government holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for these acts of subversion and for the ensuing destruction which has resulted from its "direct" and "active" participation in these operations.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
